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Overheated laptop caused deadly fire

INVESTIGATION A computer that overheated while placed on a couch started a fire that killed a Vancouver man, B.C.'s Coroners Service said yesterday.

In the province's first death attributed to a laptop fire, the 56-year-old victim left his computer on the couch, plugged in and turned on. Within 50 minutes, the device's lithium-ion battery overheated and burst into flames.

After the six-month investigation, the Coroners Service is cautioning against leaving laptops running on soft surfaces, which can block airflow vents and cause overheating.

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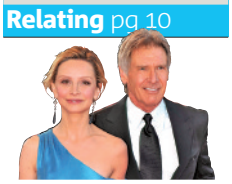

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Court papers reveal violence

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A police officer inspects the scene where a two-year-old girl was killed in her stroller, and her mother injured, when they were hit by a truck on Expo Boulevard near GM Place yesterday.

2-yr-old dead, mother hurt crossing street

Pair hit by turning flatbed truck on Expo Boulevard

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A two-year-old girl was killed in a stroller and her 32-year-old mother seriously injured when the pair were hit by a flatbed truck while crossing Expo Boulevard near GM Place yesterday afternoon.

"There are few incidents more tragic than the death of a child and our deepest sympathies go out to the family and anyone affected by this today," said Vancouver police Const. Jana McGuinness.

She said it's still unclear if the woman was in the crosswalk at the time or who had the right of way.

"We know that the truck made a right turn from Abbott onto Expo and collided with the woman and the stroller," said McGuinness.

"The woman was taken to hospital. She has serious injuries but at this time she's relatively stable."

The child died at the scene.

McGuinness said the accident has shaken witnesses and the crews that first responded.

"Police go to a lot of calls, a lot of tragic situations. But there are very few that ever really impact you like the death of a child," she said.

"When you're a first responder, you're not prepared for something like this, and if you're a parent as well, it resonates deeply with you."

McGuinness said investigators are being offered support services and victim services is working with the witnesses.

"For (witnesses) to see something like this, it's going to last with them for a while."

Police said the driver is co-operating with investigators, and was taken to the police station to be questioned.

IOC to aid with Games' budget gap

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

OLYMPICS The International Olympic Committee has assured organizers of the Vancouver Olympics it will help with a potential budget gap caused by the global recession, officials said yesterday.

VANOC has warned the 2010 Games could face a $30-million revenue shortfall because the IOC has only been able to sign up nine of the 11 worldwide corporate sponsors expected when Vancouver's $1.7-billion operating budget was prepared.

"With the commitment the IOC has made to us and the contingency we had in our budget I am now extremely confident we will achieve our targets," Dave Cobb, VANOC's executive vice-president said following meetings with IOC officials.

He added that the IOC did not promise to replace the entire shortfall, and that it could end up being less than $30 million if new sponsors are signed before the Games begin in February.

Both VANOC and the IOC downplayed suggestions that the issue of corporate sponsorship had caused a rift between the two groups, as was reported last week.

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Requests

- Chief executive John Furlong said VANOC has received a good response to requests to local employers to lend them up to 1,500 short-term employees who will be needed in the weeks leading up to and during the Games.

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Olympic Oval on award short list
The Richmond Olympic Oval is among the projects on this year's short list for the 2009 World Architecture Festival Awards, CBC News Online reports. The structure is one of 272 entries competing for the World Building of the Year award. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Vending machine tutorial up online

TransLink is offering online and video tutorials on how to use the Canada Line's ticket vending machines after users complained many of the devices wouldn't accept credit cards. A video on YouTube has public relations officer Drew Snider, left, showing how to use the machines. METRO VANCOUVER

Man arrested after purse-snatching

CRIME Police have arrested a man who allegedly broke a woman's fingers while struggling to steal her purse outside the Edgewater Casino early yesterday morning.

The 55-year-old New Westminster woman was walking to her car around 3:40 a.m. when someone snatched her purse, said Vancouver police Const. Lindsey Houghton.

Two witnesses chased after the suspect, and police arrested him nearby.

A 23-year-old of no fixed address faces a robbery charge. KRISTEN THOMPSON/ METRO VANCOUVER

Mystery woman may face jail

Car at sister's home matches vehicle that dropped off Jenkins

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

The woman who drove accused murderer Ryan Jenkins to the Hope motel where he committed suicide could face up to six months in jail if she helped him enter Canada, police said yesterday.

"Criminal charges are a possibility if anybody assisted him in entering Canada without reporting at a port of entry to a Canada border services officer," said Cpl. Norm Massie of the federal border integrity program. "That's an offence under the Customs Act."

Massie wouldn't confirm if Ryan Jenkins' half-sister, Alena, is a suspect. A silver PT Cruiser with Alberta plates, matching the car that dropped Jenkins off at the Thunderbird Motel on Aug. 20, was discovered Tuesday in the parking garage of the Coal Harbour condo where she lives.

It was still parked there yesterday, with its back bumper pressed to the wall, concealing the licence plate.

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A silver PT Cruiser with Alberta plates at Alena Jenkins' Cole Harbour condo yesterday.

Fiore's vehicle found

- Jasmine Fiore's white Mercedes sedan was found yesterday in a West Hollywood grocery store parking lot. Ryan Jenkins was seen driving the car on Aug. 14, leaving a hotel near San Diego, with a suitcase believed to contain Fiore's body.

Alena's mother is reported to live in Point Roberts, Wash., where Jenkins' boat was discovered Aug. 20.

Jenkins was wanted in connection with the murder of his wife, Jasmine Fiore, whose mutilated body was found in a Buena Park, Calif., dumpster on Aug. 15.

Thieves crash backhoe into gas station

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CRIME Police are looking for three suspects who used a stolen backhoe to bust through the wall of a Vancouver gas station to get at a bank machine.

Witnesses said they saw the men — one in the backhoe and two in a stolen truck — trying to break into the Chevron around 4:20 a.m. yesterday, near Main Street and 41st Avenue.

"Residents, wondering what all the commotion was, looked out their windows to see a large backhoe using its shovel to tear open the front of the Chevron station," said Vancouver police Const. Lindsey Houghton.

"It's quite clear they were after the ATM machine."

Houghton said the men weren't able to make off with any money and left in the pickup truck, which was found abandoned in Burnaby.

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1st West Nile case confirmed in B.C.

DISEASE The first human case of the West Nile virus has been confirmed in British Columbia.

Dr. Paul Hasselback, medical health officer with the Interior Health Authority, said tests are currently underway to determine if another person has also been infected.

"The confirmed case is a Kelowna resident and the suspected second case lives in the same household," Hasselback said. "Both people had travelled within the central and south Okanagan areas and reported being bitten by mosquitoes."

So far, three mosquito pools in the south Okanagan have tested positive for the West Nile virus. All previously recorded cases in B.C. were infections acquired outside the province. METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

CHILD PORN A former bank executive has pleaded guilty to one count of possessing child pornography. Jack Ernest Crone, 68, was charged after police raided his West Vancouver home.

FIRE More than 700 residents of Clinton were placed on evacuation alert as the 110-square-kilometre wildfire creeps closer to the community.

COMPLAINT The Vancouver police's Professional Standards Section is investigating a complaint by a downtown condo concierge that four officers strong-armed him for the keys to a suite in the building. Police said the officers were responding to a domestic dispute. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Bear removed from Surrey neighbourhood

Conservation officers tranquilized and relocated an adult male black bear that was spotted walking through yards and over fences in Surrey yesterday. The bear was meandering through the neighbourhood in the 15400 block of 112A Avenue. METRO VANCOUVER

Firefighter facing sex charges in Delta

COURT A Delta firefighter appeared in court yesterday to face sex charges allegedly involving "a young person."

According to police in that city, officers received information of "sexual offences having been committed against a young person on May 30."

After an investigation, a 50-year-old firefighter was arrested on Tuesday.

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Appeal seeks to ground male ski jumpers

OLYMPICS While acknowledging that VANOC doesn't have the authority to force the International Olympic Committee to include women's ski jumping in 2010, lawyers for the 14 elite women filed an appeal asking that the men also be grounded.

"Our position has always been that since the Charter prohibits VANOC from hosting an unconstitutional ski jumping event — one with men only — VANOC must refuse to do so," Ross Clark said.

"Since the Charter prohibits VANOC from hosting an unconstitutional ski jumping event ... VANOC must refuse to do so."
Ross Clark

He added they're not asking the B.C. Court of Appeal to determine which sports are included in the Olympics, but to ensure that the sports included comply with Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The case will be heard by a three-judge panel Nov. 12 and 13. METRO VANCOUVER

Nurses can help exploited girls, UBC prof finds

Nurse interventions can help sexually exploited runaway girls restore healthy behaviours, according to a new study led by a University of British Columbia researcher.

"Runaways often become isolated from supportive family and school relationships, which are important for healthy development," said UBC nursing professor Elizabeth Saewyc.

However, girls taking part in the Runaway Intervention Program at Children's Hospital in St. Paul, Minn., had significant reductions in emotional distress, substance use, suicide attempts, and risky sexual behaviours.

Through the intervention program, nurses worked beyond the clinic to support girls and their families with home and school visits.

"Remarkably, by six and 12 months into the program, the girls had improved so much that in most areas they were indistinguishable from girls in school who had never been abused," said Saewyc.

Laurel Edinburgh, a researcher and nurse involved with the program, said the individualized approach to health care is key.

"Every runaway girl has a unique set of circumstances, issues and needs and therefore require individualized intervention in order to restore a supportive environment that would help them heal," Edinburgh said. The study was published online in the Journal of Adolescent Health.

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News in brief

BLITZ Of the 115 delivery trucks stopped by police yesterday only 11 passed a safety inspection during a blitz. In all, 71 were issued violations and $2,506 in fines.

ROBBERY A Chilliwack woman has been arrested and a Vancouver man is being sought by police after a 7-Eleven was robbed early Monday morning. The pair allegedly tried to hold up the store before fleeing in a stolen car.

BLAZE Fire investigators have determined that a blaze that ripped through a North Vancouver townhouse was not deliberately set. The fire started early Tuesday morning and spread to a neighbouring home. No one was injured.

ACCIDENT Three people were injured in Delta after a pickup truck rolled over on Highway 99 early yesterday morning, news1130.com reports. The accident closed both northbound lanes for more than an hour.

MISSING Police in Burnaby are asking for the public's help finding a missing 16-year-old boy. Chance Johnson Alexander Owens was last seen on Aug. 18 on his way to Metrotown mall.

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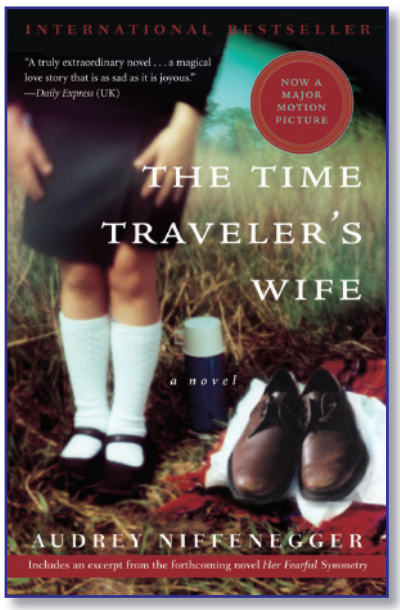

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Cartoonist wins plagiarism case

Claude Robinson, a Montreal cartoonist who spent more than a decade fighting a major production company over plagiarism has finally won his battle in court, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Body image affects preteens: Study

A new Canadian-based study found body-image concerns are now commonplace among children as young as 10 and 11. That teens and young adults feel social and peer pressures to have movie-star bodies is well documented. But the study of some 4,200 Nova Scotia kids shows that children as young as 10 and 11 are getting in on the weight-watching act, with many saying their happiness can hinge on having Hollywood bodies such as Jennifer Lopez, left. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

LISTERIA There will be no public inquiry into the deaths of 22 Canadians from tainted deli meats last summer after the federal government decided yesterday a sweeping but secretive six-month probe into the crisis was enough. Conservative MPs at an emergency meeting of the Commons agriculture committee voted six to five in favour of a motion yesterday that said there was no need to rehash the deadly nationwide outbreak of listeriosis in public proceedings.

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FACEBOOK A Canadian regulator may outline new proposals on protecting the privacy of Facebook users Thursday after the watchdog last month found deficiencies in theweb-site's current practices. The regulator's report found that information provided by Facebook about its privacy practices is often confusing or incomplete. REUTERS

Toronto **Playing with fire**

RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Kalen Davidson (or PyRomeo) rehearses his act for BuskerFest, starting today in Toronto. Davidson now is a full-time fire performer and travels the world risking life and limb for the entertainment of others.

Woman left stranded still waits for answers

Government vows to make investigation public

Suaad Hagi Mohamud's search for answers about the three months she spent stranded in Kenya was met by stony silence from top government officials responsible for her ordeal.

Instead of explanations from the persecutors who ruled her Canadian passport a fraud, the clearly nervous and frequently emotional Somali-Canadian yesterday received only the promise that a probe into her mistreatment will be made public and a vow to "get to the bottom of this" from a government she has few reasons to trust.

"I thought my government would back me up. But when I was alone my government let me down."
Suaad Hagi Mohamud

"I thought my government would back me up. But when I was alone my government let me down," she told a committee of MPs meeting to discuss her case and those of other Canadians who've been let down by Ottawa when they were in trouble abroad.

Mohamud was detained and her passport was seized when she attempted to board a flight from Nairobi to Toronto May 21. Officials had accused Mohamud of being an imposter because her lips didn't match that of her four-year-old passport photo.

After a stint in jail and further failed attempts to prove her identity, a DNA test, which matched her DNA against that of her 12-year-old son, ultimately secured her passage back to Canada.

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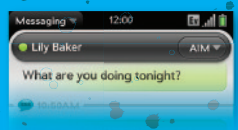

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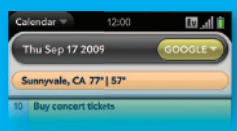

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Manitoba task force will probe files on missing women

The Manitoba government, RCMP and Winnipeg police formally established a task force yesterday to review cases involving missing and murdered women in the province, CBC News Online reports. "These women were mothers, daughters, sisters and friends. Many are aboriginal," Attorney General Dave Chomiak said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Alberta gets set to trim the fat

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With a larger-than-forecast deficit, Alberta has decided it's time to trim some fat.

The $6.9-billion deficit shown in the 2009-10 first quarter fiscal update is $2.2 billion higher than what was forecast.

The boost is attributed to weaker natural gas prices, a higher Canadian dollar and other declining revenue.

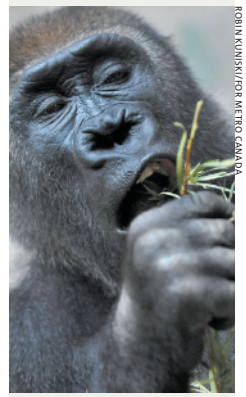
"We have charged each department to look internally at those kinds of things that can help with that adjustment," said Finance and Enterprise Minister Iris Evans.

"The government has instituted a hiring freeze and is cutting discretionary and low-priority spending," but will hold off on giving details."

Evans said the government will rely on the $17-billion sustainability fund to offset the deficit.

However, Scott Hennig, Alberta director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, isn't so sure the emergency fund will last.

Zoo Debut



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A western lowland gorilla from the Bronx Zoo makes itself at home in a public debut at the Calgary Zoo yesterday.

Grits, Bloc tied in Quebec

POLITICS The federal Liberals are neck and neck with separatists in the key battleground of Quebec, a poll shows.

A CROP poll published yesterday shows the Liberals tied with the Bloc Québécois at 30 per cent support.

The Conservatives have gained four points since June in the province, but are five points below their October result.

If the poll results were borne out in an election, the Liberals would probably pick up a small number of seats from the Bloc.

Nationally, most polls show the Liberals neck and neck with the Conservatives.

Although one survey released Monday had the Conservatives 11 points ahead.

CROP surveyed 1,003 people from Aug. 13-23, a sample size that carries a three-point margin of error 19 times out of 20.

REUTERS

News in brief

STORM Another major weather system could hit the Maritimes this weekend. The extended forecast from the National Hurricane Centre shows tropical storm Danny crossing over the Maritimes early Sunday morning. This, after hurricane Bill brought heavy rain and strong winds to the region just five days ago.

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Comment

Silver foxiness is a powerful force

There's something painfully alluring about older men. In my teens and early 20s, I was far less likely to make moony eyes at my spotty-faced peers than at the supply teachers and rakish professors at the chalkboard. They were taller. Better dressed. Widely travelled. And, best of all, they KNEW stuff! Older men waxing rhapsodic on James Joyce were far more attractive to me than boys who performed keg stands, wore backwards baseball caps and smelled a bit like wet dog.

Call me crazy.

Silver foxiness is a powerful force that cannot be denied. Catherine Zeta-Jones, Calista Flockhart, Penny Lancaster and Katie Holmes have all settled down with men at least 15 years their senior.

There are certain biological advantages to the pairing of younger women to older men. Males have a much longer reproductive shelf life; for women, menopause marks the end of the line for the baby train, while men can ably reproduce into old age. Tony Randall conceived two children well into his 70s and the oldest father on record, Nanu Ram Jogi, sired a daughter at age 90. (High-five, buddy.)

Physical prowess has become less important than physical wealth when it comes to a man's ranking in society. Older men often have the money, power, experience and wisdom their youthful counterparts lack, giving them the means to immediately and comfortably provide for a family. Selecting such a mate would be advantageous for a woman in her childbearing years.

A recent study by the Max Planck Institute in Germany found that marrying a younger woman may be the key to living a longer life. According to the study, men who married women 15 to 17 years their junior were less likely to die prematurely. Even those who married women a mere seven to nine years younger were 11 per cent less likely to expire early. One possible reason for this phenomenon is that younger women select healthier, better-maintained older men as mates.

"Another theory is that a younger woman will care for a man better and therefore he will live longer," said institute spokesman Sven Drefahl. Or maybe waking up next to a sweet young thing every morning gives the older gent a little extra get-up-and-go.

In a strange and almost vampiric twist, the same study indicated that women who marry older men actually increased their likelihood of an early death. Perhaps caring for a silver fox can get a little, umm, old.

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Views

Women biggest losers in Afghan elections

Reports the Taliban sliced off the index fingers of two Afghan women who dared to vote in their country's elections last week were a reminder, if we needed any, who the polls' biggest losers were.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai and his main rival, former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah, seem to be neck-and-neck in results. But poor security, rampant fraud and too few female election staff kept many women away from voting stations, leaving us wondering what chance women stood in getting their voices heard.

Going into the Aug. 20 polls, things didn't look so bad for women on paper. There were nearly 350 women registered as provincial council candidates — about 10 per cent of the total. Afghanistan's constitution reserves one-quarter of provincial council seats for women to guarantee them a role in political life. There were even two women among the 35 challengers to Karzai for the presidency.

But the Taliban's brutality is just one of the many rocks and hard places that surround Afghan women.

Karzai, the celebrated "moderate" on the scene, showed how spectacularly easy it was to sell out women for votes when he ratified a controversial family law to win the votes of fundamentalists. He promised to reword it after an international outcry but, in fact, made it even worse.

The legislation, meant to govern family law for minority Muslim Shiites, who make up about 15 per cent of Afghanistan's 30 million people, gives a man the right to withdraw basic maintenance from his wife, including food, if she refuses to obey his sexual demands, according to Human Rights Watch.

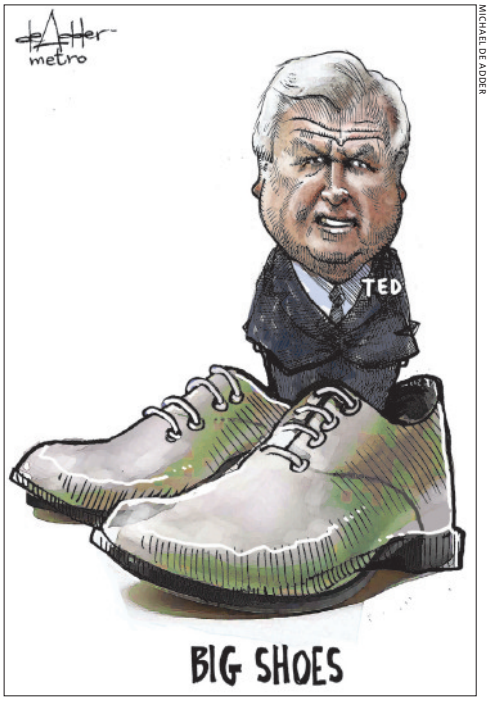
It's an especially painful blow for women's rights because Afghan Shiites are generally more liberal than many of their Sunni country people. Also, the Afghan constitution bans any kind of discrimination and distinction between citizens.

In the run-up to the polls, Karzai courted former warlords, some of whom had been powerful in the chaos that hit Afghanistan after the Soviet withdrawal in 1989. The warlords are known to be as conservative and brutal as the Taliban — i.e., no friends to women either.

Fighting between NATO troops and the growing Taliban insurgency takes a huge toll on Afghan civilians and makes it almost impossible for women's groups to do the simplest of their work, let alone take on those myriad rocks and hard places.

So exactly for whose benefit were the elections? Clearly, not women's.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 10 years before moving to the U.S.



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Nine reported dead in ferry sinking
A small Indonesian ferry sank off the resort island of Bali yesterday, killing nine people while three others remain missing, the official news agency Antara reported. REUTERS

World

A wrap for Camelot?

Ted Kennedy's death puts family dynasty in doubt

U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy's death marks the twilight of one of America's most fabled political families, with no heirs to the Kennedy name poised to emerge with the same mix of gravitas, ambition and celebrity.

Kennedy

Kennedy, 77, one of the most effective lawmakers in U.S. history and the brother of assassinated President John F. Kennedy, died late Tuesday after battling brain cancer.

"There seems to be no one there to pick up the torch," said Thomas Whalen, a professor of politics at Boston University.

"There doesn't seem to be someone in the next generation to carry the load here. Ted Kennedy might be it, he might be the end of the line," said Whalen.

Many younger Kennedys are active in civic life but none on the scale of Ted Kennedy, last of four Kennedy brothers, including John, elected president in 1960 and assassinated in 1963; and Robert, a New York senator whose presidential bid ended with his assassination in 1968.

Kennedy torch-bearers include his son, 42-year-old Patrick Kennedy, a Democratic congressman from Rhode Island. His brushes with controversy could complicate a run for higher office though — most recently in 2006 when he sought help for dependency on prescription drugs.

Still, when Ted Kennedy was his son's age, in 1974, his own political future looked nearly just as uncertain.

Five years earlier, Mary Jo Kopechne, a young aide, drowned when Kennedy's car plunged off a bridge on a resort island after a night of partying. Moral character questions and whispers of alcoholism dogged Kennedy at the time. REUTERS

Obama's reaction

• U.S. President Barack Obama said regarding the passing of Ted Kennedy: "For five decades, virtually every major piece of legislation to advance the civil rights, health and economic well being of the American people bore his name and resulted from his efforts."

Donor drive aims to end prisoner organ trade

ORGAN TRANSPLANTS China launched its first national organ donation system in a bid to crack down on organ trafficking and create a source for transplants other than executed prisoners, who currently make up the majority of donors.

Executed criminals account for 65 per cent of organ donors, the China Daily said yesterday, in an unusual admission of the prevalence of the practice.

"(Executed prisoners) are definitely not a proper source for organ transplants."
Chinese Vice Health Minister Huang Jiefu

"(Executed prisoners) are definitely not a proper source for organ transplants," Vice Health Minister Huang Jiefu told the paper. Nearly 1.5 million people in China need organ transplants, but every year only 10,000 people can get one, according to the Health Ministry.

The shortage means that desperate patients bid up the price, and contributes to corruption and unfairness in organ allocation.

"Transplants should not be a privilege for the rich," said Huang. REUTERS

News in brief

AFGHANISTAN Partial results from last week's election put Afghan President Hamid Karzai ahead of rival Abdullah Abdullah, but not by enough to avoid a run-off in October, figures released yesterday showed. With 17 per cent of votes tallied, Karzai held a lead of 43 per cent to 34 per cent over former foreign minister Abdullah. To avoid a run-off, a candidate must secure more than 50 per cent of the vote.

KOREAS The rival Koreas neared a deal to resume reunions of families separated by the Korean War at a rare meeting yesterday that follows conciliatory moves made by the North after it was hit by sanctions, reports said. The inter-Korean meeting held by Red Cross Societies is the first on humanitarian issues in two years and comes after Pyongyang cut ties with Seoul in anger at the hardline policies of its president. REUTERS

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CRTC fines 3 telemarketers for violating do-not-call list

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission yesterday fined the first telemarketers for violating its do-not-call list, CBC News Online reports. The CRTC said it has fined Rob Sugar $4,000 and that it has also issued $10,000 fines to Roofing by Peerless Mason Ltd. and Waterproofing by Peerless Mason Inc. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Cell firm apologizes for online photo grab

Professional photographers are routinely paid thousands of dollars by big companies to take pictures that will help sell products — but some amateur shutterbugs are unwittingly doing the work for free.

Alan McDermott never imagined that a photo that he took last year of a striking piece of Dublin graffiti would end up in a Canadian cellphone company's promotional material without having given his permission.

"Virgin is a multibillion-dollar company," McDermott said in an interview, adding he never gave anyone permission to use his image. "They should know better. It's not an accidental mistake, it's outright theft."

The Canadian arm of the cheeky mobile company was originally conceived as a joint venture between Sir Richard Branson's sprawling Virgin Group and Bell Canada Inc., but is now wholly owned by Bell.

"The image was taken from Flickr," said Chris Baines, a spokesman for Virgin in Canada. "We do apologize and will be in touch with (the photographer)."

Baines said the picture was used only in a "small quantity of booklets produced to go to the media to explain our campaign" and there are no plans to include it in the company's advertising.

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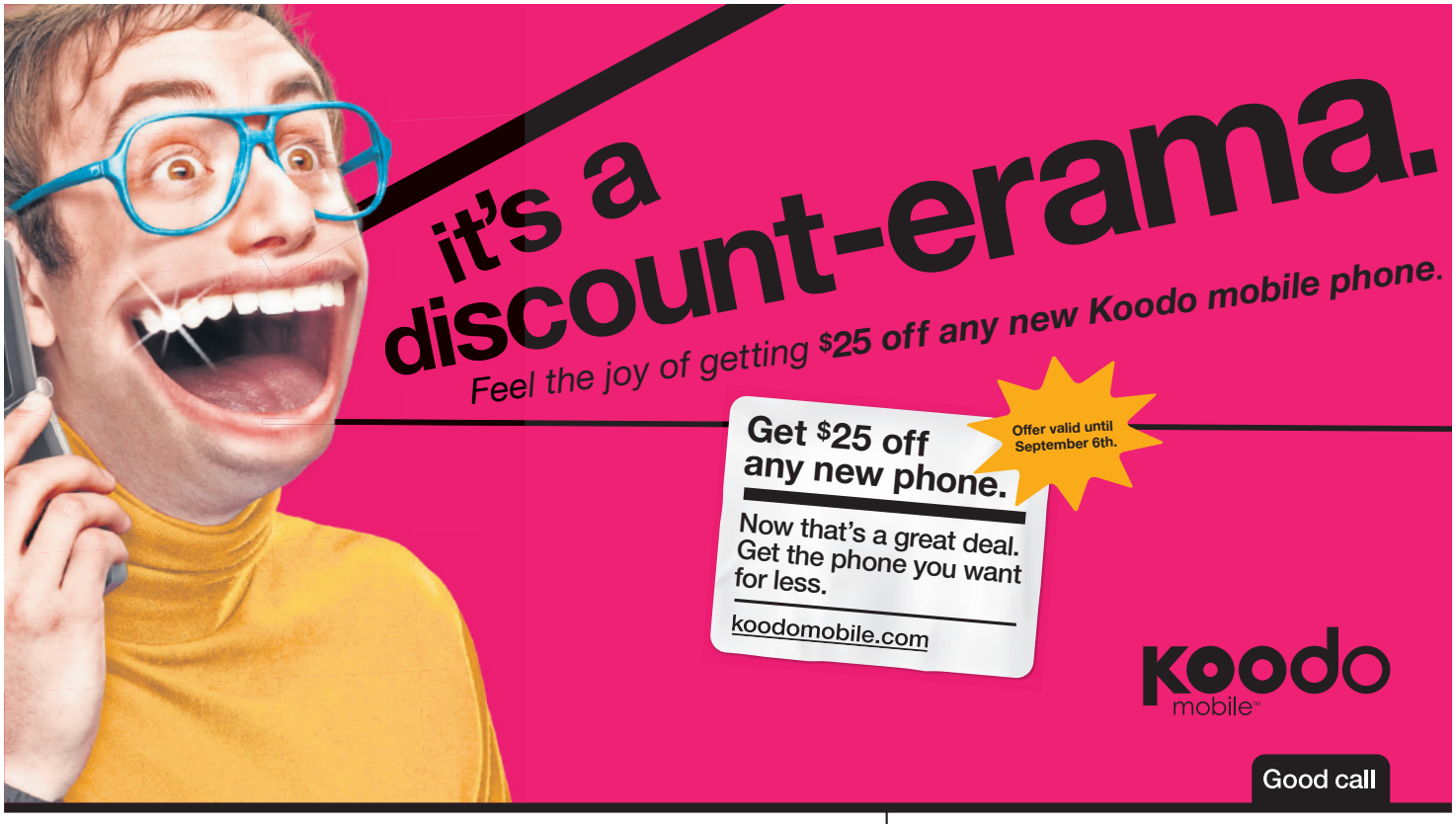
Business in brief

GOLD Canada's Eldorado Gold Corp. said yesterday it will buy Sino Gold Mining Ltd. for $2 billion in an all-share deal that will more than double the size of its gold production in China.

PROFIT Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce reported a lower-than-expected quarterly profit yesterday as the bank set aside more money to cover bad loans. REUTERS



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Sillinger calls it a career
New York Islanders veteran centre Mike Sillinger announced his retirement from the National Hockey League yesterday. The 38-year-old played three of his 17 seasons for the Islanders, one of 12 teams he skated with during his career. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

No deal for Rubio: T-wolves GM

Minnesota Timberwolves president David Kahn says "no team in any league has reached a deal" on a buyout for Spanish point guard Ricky Rubio, left. A Spanish media report circulated earlier yesterday said Regal Barcelona had reached a buyout agreement with Rubio's team, DKV Joventut. The report said Rubio would sign a six-year deal with the team that included an affordable buyout option in 2011. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Arsenal outguns Celtic to advance

SOCCER Arsenal eased into the group stages of the Champions League yesterday by outclassing Celtic 3-1 to enter today's draw where they will be joined by Fiorentina, VfB Stuttgart, Olympiakos and APOEL Nicosia.

A penalty converted by Brazilian-born Eduardo allowed Arsenal to build on their 2-0 victory in Glasgow in the first leg of their final playoff round tie last week. REUTERS

Sports in brief

BLUE JAYS Marco Scutaro scored on a wild pitch in a two-run ninth, as the Toronto Blue Jays captured a 3-2 come-from-behind win over the division rival Tampa Bay Rays last night. Marc Rzepczynski carried a no-hitter into the sixth for the Jays and surrendered two runs on three hits and five walks in the start. The left- handed rookie struck out seven.

NFL The New York Jets have named rookie Mark Sanchez as their starting quarterback for the season opener Sept. 13 against the Houston Texans. The decision to go with Sanchez over fourth-year pro Kellen Clemens was made yesterday morning by first-year head coach Rex Ryan.

NFL Running back Edgerrin James has officially signed a one-year deal with the Seattle Seahawks. The 31-year-old James rushed for just 514 yards and three touchdowns on 133 carries while adding 12 receptions for 85 yards in a reduced role last season for the NFC champion Cardinals. To clear a spot on the roster, the Seahawks terminated the contract of running back T.J. Duckett. METRO NEWS SERVICES

NHL bid lowest of final 3

League's offer includes provision to move team out of Phoenix

The NHL has long argued hockey can thrive in Arizona and gone to extreme lengths to block Jim Balsillie from relocating the Phoenix Coyotes to Hamilton, but its own bid for the team contains a provision to move the bankrupt club.

The NHL said it will conduct "an organized bid process to relocate the franchise in another territory" if a buyer wishing to keep the team in Phoenix can't be found, according to the bid made public yesterday.

The NHL's offer for the financially bleeding franchise is worth up to $140 million (all figures U.S.), but the league plans only to manage the team until it can be sold to an acceptable third party.

"By acquiring the team at this time," the league stated in its bid, "the NHL will be able to salvage the team's 2009-10 season and can establish a more constructive timetable in which to solicit offers from qualified parties."

The NHL, Balsillie's PSE Sports and Ice Edge Holdings, composed of Canadian and American investors, are the three groups contending for the team.

Balsillie has offered $212.5 million, contingent on immediately moving the club to Hamilton.

The Ice Edge bid, for up to $150 million, would keep the team in Phoenix long term but the group would like to play five "home" games in Saskatoon each year to increase cash flow.

A bankruptcy auction will be held Sept. 10. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bid details

PSE Sports
- $212.5M
- Bid contingent on being able to move team to Hamilton.
- Has 32-year lease option with Copps Coliseum; wants team there this year.
- Head Jim Balsillie rejected as owner by NHL and yet to be approved as bidder in bankruptcy court.

Ice Edge Holdings
- $150M
- Would keep team in Arizona with commitment to grow hockey in southwest U.S.
- Not seeking subsidies, but partnership with Glendale arena where Coyotes play.
- Still hope to play five Coyotes "home" games at Saskatoon to subsidize team in Phoenix.

NHL
- $140M
- Wants to salvage 2009-10 season in Phoenix, but will eventually sell to third party.
- Willing to eventually relocate team if suitable local buyer cannot be found.
- Would satisfy indebtedness to major creditor, SOF Investments, a value of $80 million but no money for previous owner Jerry Moyes.

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The Brook goes for the green with style

A new condominium project at the base of Grouse Mountain in North Vancouver has been acclaimed the "greenest stand-alone, residential building in Canada," according to its developer.

Representatives for Streamline Properties Inc. say The Brook, a collection of ultra-modern, luxury condos, is on target for LEED Platinum certification.

It features high-efficiency geothermal technology to heat and cool the building, solar thermal hot water, heat recovery ventilation systems that constantly circulate fresh air throughout each unit, water recycling and low-flow plumbing fixtures.

These reduce consumption of greenhouse gases by 87 per cent, municipal water by 83 per cent, and energy by 70 per cent.

Paul Warwick, construction manager, said The Brook features the best in sustainable building technology.

"The attention to detail is unlike any project I have been involved with in my 30 years of experience," he added.

The development will be ready for occupancy this fall and suites start at $569,000.

Delivering urban living in a suburban setting, residences have open floor plans, nine-foot floor-to-ceiling glass window walls, charcoal grey cream polished concrete floors and cut oak cabinetry.

The kitchen is state-of-the-art and the spa-like master ensuites have extra-deep soaker tubs, separate walk-in showers and Hans Grohe fixtures.

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More info

- For more information visit thebrook.ca.
- The sales centre is open Saturdays and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 650 Evergreen Place in North Van.
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Well, among other things, it sure helps to have a great homework space. But what is a great homework space? There's an ongoing discussion around my house as to what that should be.

There's décor, says my daughter and her friends, but that's secondary to functionality. And that's quite a statement from a group of kids who seems to value style over substance.

The major consensus is that students need a large empty space upon which to spread out their papers and books. Studying means you need to open textbooks, spread out your notes, scrawl notes and sketches, or talk into a tape recorder, or put together models to help you remember what was taught.

A computer, although handy for research assignments, is not necessary for the majority of textbook-based homework or studying, they admit.

Another important thing they identified about a great study space was the importance of getting rid of distractions. My daughter's friend will admit to a cluttered bedroom, but he has a desk he sweeps clean of debris and other things when he does homework.

My daughter's room, on the other hand, does distract. Homework cannot compete well with magazines, books, nail polish and other bits and pieces currently piled on her desk. A laptop smuggled up to her room (it usually lives in the kitchen office) is definitely not good because she seems to be physically addicted to Facebook, and finds its allure almost irresistible.

What would work for her is to clear her desk completely, and put her distracting items into drawers, preferably not anywhere near her homework zone. For her (and many others, I suspect), the computer usage zone and homework space needs to be physically separated.

And speaking of distraction, if a television is on in the same room or anywhere close, you can bet its' eye-glazing siren call is turning any young minds in the vicinity into jelly.

For younger children, actually attaching physical borders (mouldings or even glued-down yardsticks) to designate the study zone can be effective.

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For a space that makes the grade ...

- Try music. Many students report being able to work well with quiet or not-so-quiet background music playing. Some say silence is distracting.
- Rooms without a grand view. The view outside or the activities of neighbours can distract.
- Good lighting and a comfy chair.
- A homework routine. Every day at a certain time, the student should sit down and focus on homework.
- Let your student decorate their space if they wish, so they have a sense of ownership of the space, but keep the décor simple and soothing. Think in terms of paint or wallpaper, shelving, a few storage bins, a reading lamp, and perhaps an area rug.

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Well-travelled wines

When it comes to home-grown wine this century has been very, very good to Canada. Ontario and British Columbia have made some major strides internationally; while upstarts like Nova Scotia have proven that with forward-thinking investment everything is possible (especially sparkling wine).

But not everything is sunshine and lollipops. The controversy over the term "Cellared in Canada" (given to those wines made from a combination of fruit grown in and outside of Canada) has some in the industry fuming. The concern is that they are often shelved at liquor stores along with wines not blended with foreign juice which could be confusing to consumers.

If you can see past the labelling issue some of these wines are well worth a try. **The Wild Horse Canyon 2007 Shiraz ($11.95 - $13.97)** combines liquid from B.C., Washington and California. Even with all that North American influence it tastes more like an Australian with a lightly sweet flow of earthy wild berries, plums and subtle spice.

The Painted Turtle Sauvignon Blanc ($9.95 - $11.99) isn't as regionally specific but offers a fresh, juicy mix of citrus and tropical fruits that would make a good match with light creamier sauces and fresh shellfish.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

Grilled cheese to go

And don't forget these mud pies — make ahead for lunches

Three-Cheese Grilled Sandwich with Tomatoes and Onions

Who would have thought that the classic grilled cheese sandwich would make such a comeback? Here's a twist on the traditional; I use it as a lunch, dinner or snack item and even cut the sandwich into quarters as an appetizer. Feel free to substitute cheeses of your choice. **SERVES 4**

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 oz light aged cheddar cheese, thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
- ¼ cup crumbled goat or feta cheese
- 4 slices wholegrain bread
- 4 slices plum tomato
- 4 slices sweet onion

METHOD:

Divide the cheddar, Parmesan and goat cheese between two slices of bread. Top with the sliced tomatoes and onions. Cover with the remaining two slices of bread. Spray both sides of each sandwich with cooking oil.

Spray a non-stick skillet with cooking oil and place over medium heat. Cook the sandwiches for approximately 4 minutes per side, being careful not to burn them.

Cut each sandwich into quarters and serve 2 per person.

LORELLA ZANETTI

Three-Cheese Grilled Sandwich with Tomatoes and Onions

Miniature Chocolate Mud Pies

This has to be my number one dessert! They are dense and send you into chocolate heaven. You will never believe they are light. They can be made a couple of days in advance or frozen for up to two weeks. **SERVES 12**

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup chocolate wafer crumbs
- 1 tbsp water
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 tbsp chocolate chips
- 2 tbsp hot water
- 1 tsp instant coffee
- 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ cup cocoa powder
- 2 tbsp all purpose flour
- 2 ½ oz light cream cheese
- 2 large eggs
- ¼ cup low fat sour cream
- 3 tbsp corn syrup
- 1 tsp vanilla
- Icing sugar (garnish)

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray a 12 cup muffin tin with vegetable oil.

In small bowl combine wafer crumbs, water and oil until mixed. Divide and pat into bottom of muffin tins.

In small bowl combine chocolate chips, water and coffee. Microwave for 40 seconds or just until chocolate begins to melt. Stir until smooth.

In a bowl of food processor add sugar, cocoa, flour, cream cheese, eggs, sour cream, corn syrup and vanilla. Puree until smooth. Add chocolate mixture and puree until smooth.

Divide among muffin cups and bake for 12-14 minutes or just until centre is still slightly loose. Cool and chill at least 2 hours before serving. Carefully remove from tin with knife.

Garnish with icing sugar.

RYAN SZULC

Miniature Chocolate Mud Pies

Great for back to school

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It's not the best-laid-out room I've ever seen, but it seems to get across the lounge concept well enough. The service is nothing to sniff at — friendly, but not too friendly, prompt and well-executed. The food, on the other hand ...

We started out well enough, with a really lip-smacking good Pimm's Cup cocktail ($6) and a bowl of candied macadamia nuts ($6). Despite the menu listing cinnamon, star anise and chili as the coating for the nuts, what came across most was the salt. Not to say they weren't tasty, just a bit confusing. Welsh rarebit ($7) made a glum following. Pale ale and cheddar cheese "fondue" was alright, if undecided between clumpy and gooey, but the "house made toasts" weren't toasty by a long fork, and a very odd aftertaste — something akin to sour mayo — had me avoiding the bread altogether.

Dungeness crab croquettes ($8) seemed more promising, at least, until they arrived. The crab was all but drowned in the potato filler, and the mozzarella and chives seemed to be hiding as well. The accompanying "sweet chili jam" was salsa, with less depth, and effectively masked whatever hint of crab may still have been discernible.

Meatloaf wrapped in double-smoked bacon ($16) was an improvement, but not enough to make me want to go back. There are too many better options on this strip of Main Street.

On the web

- Read the full article online at metronews.ca/vancouver/columnist/40411.
- Chew more on Anya's blog at metronews.ca/vancouver/blog/136310.

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The slow roast sandwich at Chaise Lounge.

Summer's End calls for Pimm's

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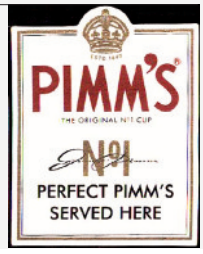

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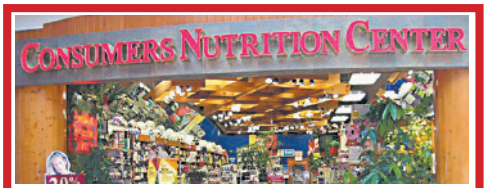

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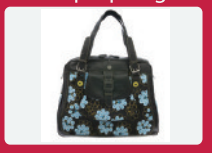

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Monkeys make dark return

Arctic Monkeys

Album: Humbug
Label: Domino/Outside
Rating: ●●●½

IT'S A MUSIC cliché, but it's on third albums where bands reinvent themselves. Scrappy Brit-rockers the Arctic Monkeys have done just that, creating their meatiest and darkest album yet. Unlike their past records, which saw the hyper-active foursome banging out indie pop hits, Humbug is a much sludgier, Sabbath-like affair. If some parts sound like they're ripped from the Queens of the Stone Age playbook (Portion Approaching for one) it's because that band's frontman, Josh Homme, produced the disc. For the most part that union worked — the Monkey's prove that they're not just for indie rockers anymore.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Matisyahu

Album: Light
Label: Epic/Sony
Rating: ●●●●½

OKAY, THE NOVELTY'S worn off. Yes, Matisyahu Miller is a convert to Orthodox Judaism. It was cute when his first CD came out ... "hasidic hip hop," ho ho ho. He was also a Deadhead, a Phish follower and, more to the point, a gifted singer and lyricist with a passion for urban reggae. On Light, Matisyahu spreads his forelocks (sorry, couldn't resist) further with a celebratory CD sure to gain him mainstream acceptance. Darkness Into Light — co-written with Good Charlotte's Benji and Joel Madden — is the track that will do it. But there's also I Will Be Light (yes, there's a theme here), We Will Walk and So Hi So Lo. Still, Matisyahu stays close to his reggae roots with help from people like rhythm masters Sly Dunbar and Robbie Shakespeare and fellow songwriter Trevor Hall. A great record in so many ways.

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Colbie Caillat

Album: Breakthrough
Label: Universal Republic /Universal
Rating: ●●●

IF YOU WERE to look up inoffensive in the dictionary, you might find a picture of Colbie Caillat. The California-based singer's follow-up to her debut Coco, is another batch of easy-on-the-ears pop songs about relationship struggles. There's really not much to say about this — everything is catchy, but nothing is memorable. It's smooth, slick and pretty, especially Begin Again, there are a few twangy moments and Fearless has an R&B bent. Lifetime specials and heartbroken 20-somethings will love this.

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Imogen Heap

Album: Ellipse
Label: RCA/Sony
Rating: ●●●

MORE ELECTRONIC BELLS, beeps, buzzes and whistles from this arty English eccentric best known for her Frou Frou collaboration with Madonna producer Guy Sigsworth. Ellipse is a wonderfully crafted album with some lovely lyrical passages, layered vocal wisps, and even a couple of tracks suitable for radio (First Train Home and Swoon). Here's a CD that will give Sarah McLachlan fans something to do while waiting for the next egg to drop from their true ethereal song goddess.

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Collective Soul

Album: Collective Soul
Label: Roadrunner
Rating: ●●

THERE'S NO QUESTION that Collective Soul had some good songs — Gel and Shine to name two — but those tunes were popular a decade ago. Surprisingly, the CS of today sounds just like they did back then — they've still got bright guitars and gutteral "yeahs," and they continue to move from arena-ready rock to fuzzy indie sounds. However, while they haven't changed much, everyone else has. Their music's dated. The tunes are boring, overwrought and just plain cheesy. If this disc is for anyone, it's the people still playing World I Know on their guitar.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

GUY ARCH PHOTO

Humbug is the third album from Brit-rockers the Arctic Monkeys.

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critics'corner

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
Catherine (Marg Helgenberger) re-examines one of the first cases she worked on as a crime scene investigator when a convicted felon (guest star Henry Thomas) claims the verdict was based on flawed evidence. Laurence Fishburne, George Eads, Paul Guilfoyle and Eric Szmanda also star in "If I Had a Hammer." 8:59 PM on CBS

Law & Order
A slain police officer, a dead body and a guy who thinks the president is his daddy: Something tells us this isn't an open-and-shut case. In "Illegitimate," Lupo and Bernard (Jeremy Sisto, Anthony Anderson) investigate a troubled cop who took hostages at gunpoint and was shot dead by fellow officers. In his apartment, they find valuable documents and another body, which leads them to a guy who's trying to prove he's a president's illegitimate son. 10 PM on NBC

Gosselin's new TV gig

Embattled reality TV mom Kate Gosselin will be a guest host on ABC's The View on Sept. 14 and 15, people.com reports. She will be filling in for Elisabeth Hasselbeck, who is on maternity leave. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Pair had violent past, court docs show

ON RECORD Court documents reveal Rihanna and Chris Brown had two previous violent episodes before the Feb. 8 fight, which ultimately led to Brown's arrest and felony conviction, people.com reports.

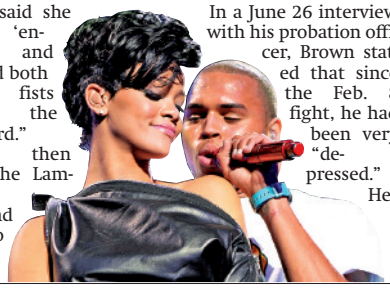
Rihanna allegedly slapped her then-boyfriend Brown in a heated argument three months prior to the February incident, according to Brown's probation review released Tuesday.

In that fight, which occurred in Europe, documents say the couple "were involved in a verbal dispute and (she) slapped (him)." Brown "responded by shoving her into a wall."

A second fight occurred about three weeks prior to the Feb. 8 incident.

Brown and Rihanna "were visiting Barbados and were driving a Range Rover loaned to them," according to the documents. "They had an argument inside the car. (Brown) exited and broke the front driver and passenger side windows of the car. No one was injured during the incident."

The documents also reveal that in the Feb. 8 incident, which began after Brown allegedly received a text message from a previous lover, that Rihanna "said she became 'enraged' and slammed both of her fists against the dashboard." Brown then pulled the Lamborghini over and tried to force her out, which escalated into a physical fight.



Lawyers for both Rihanna, 21, and Brown, 20, weren't immediately available for comment.

In a June 26 interview with his probation officer, Brown stated that since the Feb. 8 fight, he had been very "depressed." He also stated his mother was physically abused and said he didn't want to "carry on that cycle."

Brown repeatedly told the officer he regretted the incident, and said he initially wanted to plead guilty right away, but his attorney advised against it.

Brown was formally sentenced Tuesday to six months of community labour, five years probation, and was ordered not to contact Rihanna for the next five years, people.com reports.

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Justice will be served: La Toya

AVENGER? La Toya Jackson has called for "justice to be served" following her brother's death, female-first.co.uk reports.

Michael Jackson's sister is "relieved" court documents have revealed his death is being treated as a homicide, weeks after she publicly declared "shadowy members" of his entourage had murdered him.

She said in a statement: "I am thankful to the investigators for uncovering the truth to the world. I look forward to the day that justice will be served to all the parties involved in my brother's homicide."

Although Jackson's statement was brief, fans will be able to hear her full views on Michael's passing next month. She is set to give her first interview since his death on June 25 to Barbara Walters on 20/20 on Sept. 11.

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No baby on board, Anna says

RUMOUR MILL Anna Paquin is not annoyed with false reports that she's having a baby. In fact, a very special part of her body is downright "flattered" by the suggestion, popeater.com reports.

The True Blood star joked to Extra: "My uterus is really flattered that everyone cares, but sorry, no occupants."

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Patrick jailed on traffic warrant

UH OH What started as a normal Tuesday night out for Fall Out Boy singer Patrick Stump ended with him being bailed out of jail, thanks to an outstanding traffic warrant for driving without a license in Beverly Hills, according to TMZ. Stump was arrested and taken to the West Hollywood Sheriff's office, where he was released on $15,000 US bail.

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METRO WORLD NEWS

LiLo to televise comeback?

DOCUMENTED Lindsay Lohan is sure of at least one thing about her attempt at a career comeback: It would make compelling television.

The actress is reportedly in talks with Britney Spears' manager, Larry Rudolph, to develop a reality show about Lohan's troubled life.

"Rudolph is helping Lohan with a potential reality show that will encapsulate her trials and tribulations as she gets back on her feet and actually becomes a working actress again," a source told Fox News.

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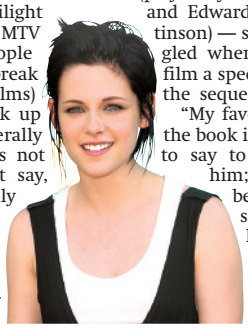
Even film breakups are hard, Kristen says

SO SENSITIVE Kristen Stewart doesn't take breakups lightly — even those on film, people.com reports.

"Everything in our movie, it's such a heightened version of reality," the Twilight star, 19, told MTV News. "People don't just break up (in the films) — they break up and it literally kills you. It's not like you just say, 'Oh, I'm really depressed and crying.' I always had a really hard time figuring out, 'Am I doing enough? Do I look like I'm going to die?'"



Stewart — whose character Bella finds herself in a love triangle with Jacob (played by Taylor Lautner) and Edward (Robert Pattinson) — says she struggled when she had to film a specific scene for the sequel New Moon.

"My favourite line in the book is when I have to say to (Jacob), 'It's him; it's always been him!'" she said. "Yeah, it killed me. It killed me."

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Winter wedding bells ringing for Kevin?

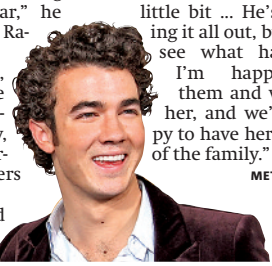
PLANS UNDERWAY Kevin Jonas and his fiancée Danielle Deleasa will likely say "I do" this winter, his brother Nick revealed, us magazine.com reports.

"They have not set a date yet, but I think that it'll be sometime around the end of the year, beginning of the year," he told ABC News Radio on Monday.

When Kevin, 21, popped the question to Deleasa, 22, in July, it came as no surprise to brothers Nick and Joe.

"Kevin and Danielle were on the beach walking, and Joe was like, 'Oh, they're gonna get married,'" he said. "A couple years later, they were engaged and now we're here."

Nick said he doesn't know if he or Joe will serve as best man to Kevin: "We've talked about it a little bit ... He's working it all out, but we'll see what happens. I'm happy for them and we love her, and we're happy to have her as part of the family."



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Celebrity tweets

Paris Hilton reveals her Secret for success, Miley Cyrus keeps up on all the obscure holidays so you don't have to and Russell Simmons dishes out advice on improving your yoga technique.

- @parishilton What a long day! So tired, in bed reading The Secret, such an amazing book. This is my third time reading it. I really do believe in it. :)
- @mileycyrus Happy National Dog Day! Woof Woof!
- @UncleRUSH A great yogi says in difficult poses u should practice "having joyful eyes". So Soften the face ... Smile and breathe!!

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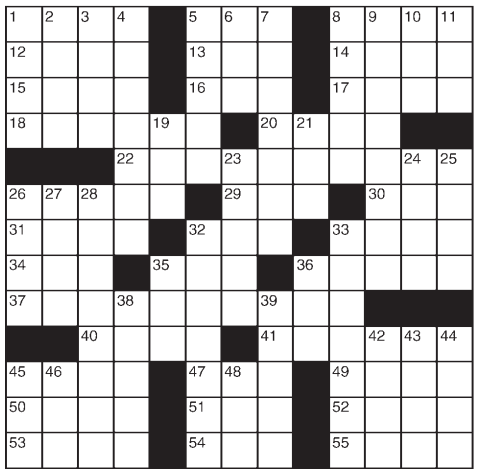

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14 Acknowledge
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16 Geese-in-flight formation
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22 Accepts the truth
26 Make one
29 Speck
30 Feedbag morsel
31 Logical
32 Wrestling victory
33 Carvey or Delany
34 Citric drink
35 Pendulum site?
36 Brave
37 Office equipment
40 Chess piece
41 Gunman's missile
45 Connections
47 Egos' counterparts
49 Tiny bit
50 Drudgery
51 Poolroom stick
52 Wound cover
53 On the — (unfriend-ly)
54 Bart, to Homer
55 Throw

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1 Balkan native
2 Arizona tribe
3 Big name in desktop PCs
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5 Destruction
6 Blackjack component
7 Cowboy hat
8 — New Guinea
9 Cold-weather gear
10 Cauldron
11 Ram's mate
19 Festive
21 Frequently
23 Archie's wife
24 Catches some rays
25 Remain
26 Mil. branch
27 Zilch
28 Unskilled
32 Eaters' outings
33 Swordplay specialist
35 Manhandle
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39 Peer Gynt playwright
42 Crazy
43 H H H, in Greece
44 Surveillance
45 Pair
46 Debtor's letters
48 Pair

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

9	5	2	7	6	1	4	3	8
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On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

SARAH POMPER

Peaches & Poppy Seed Sour Cream Pancakes

Submitted by Loreene Jalbert, New Westminster, B.C.

INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp (30ml) butter, melted
2 cups (500ml) all-purpose flour
1/4 cup (50ml) granulated sugar
2 tbsp (30ml) poppy seed
1 tbsp (15ml) baking powder
1/2 tsp (2ml) salt
2 eggs
1 1/2 cups (375ml) milk
1 cup (250ml) sour cream
1 tsp (5ml) vanilla
Butter for cooking pancakes

METHOD:

1. Peel peaches and slice into thin wedges.
2. In microwave, melt 2 tbsp butter in small bowl.
3. In large bowl, with fork, stir flour with sugar, poppy seed, baking powder and salt. Make a well in centre.
3. In medium bowl, whisk eggs with milk, sour cream, melted butter and vanilla. Pour into well in flour mixture and stir until evenly mixed(but do not beat mixture).
4. Melt 1 tsp butter in frying pan over medium heat. Pour batter, making silver-dollar size pancakes, or use 1/4 cup measure to pour batter. Top each pancake with 1-4 peach wedges, pushing peaches into batter. Cook until pancake surface is covered in bubbles and edges start to brown, 2-3 minutes. Turn pancakes over and cook 2-3 minutes until golden brown.
5. Place cooked pancakes on plate and keep warm in low temperature oven while cooking rest of pancakes. Serve pancakes with pure maple syrup.

SERVES 4
PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You may be tempted to tell someone what they want to hear, but you won't be doing them, or yourself, any favours.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
The more a friend tries to match you up with someone you're not interested in the more you must say no.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You can't decide about a money matter. But forget how much is in your bank account and just do what feels right.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Try to stay calm today and, if at all possible, stay out of the way of people who rub you up the wrong way.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You may not trust a certain individual but is your suspicion grounded in fact or is it merely a reflection of your prejudices?

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Avoid getting involved in other people's disputes today, especially if you would like to stay friends with both parties.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Whatever you lose today or tomorrow you will make up for over the coming weekend, so there is really no need to worry.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
With Venus, planet of harmony, transiting the career area of your chart, you'll do better to empathize with colleagues.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Your options may be limited at the moment but soon conditions will change and you can start moving forwards again.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Someone's trying to get you to do things that are to their advantage but not to yours. Don't be fooled by their act.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
The cosmic setup is pushing you to do more at work, and that's good, but don't end up exhausting yourself.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You don't like to turn people away when they ask for help, but watch out today as others aim to get rich at your expense.

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